

22. (Amended) An ac generator for a vehicle, comprising:

a rotor having a shaft;

a stator having first and second three-phase stator windings, each of which has three phase-windings and three output lead wires respectively extended from said stator windings;

a frame for supporting said rotor and said stator, said frame having three lead-wire-holes spaced apart from each other in the circumferential direction of said frame; and

a rectifier unit disposed outside said frame, said rectifier unit having a plurality of diodes and a plurality of input terminals respectively connected to said output lead wires, each of said input terminals including a columnar terminal member for holding two of said output lead wires each of which is connected to different one of said diodes;

wherein said columnar member is disposed in each of said lead-wire holes;

and

wherein first one of said columnar terminal members holds two of said output lead wires extended from said first stator winding, second one of said columnar terminal members holds two of said output lead wires extended from said second stator winding and the remainder of said columnar terminal members holds two of said output lead wires respectively extended from first and second stator windings.

REMARKS

Claims 8, 17, 19 and 22-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-16, 18, 20 and 21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8, 17, 19 and 22 are amended. No new matter is added. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Entry of the amendments is proper under 35 U.S.C. §1.116 since the amendments:

- (a) place the application in position condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein;
- (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) place